

ANNUAL TEACHER'S CONFERENCE

The first teacher's conference of the year was held at the Madison County courthouse on July 31st.

The meeting was called to order and the devotional exercises were conducted by President Moore of Mars Hill College.

Superintendent O. S. Dillard, who has recently taken charge of the schools in the county, outlined very definitely plans and policies for the coming year. In his talk he stated that he hoped that it would be possible to have a standard high school at Mars Hill before the end of the year, and in connection with this he said that every child in the county ought to have equal opportunities. That both a standard high school and a standard elementary school should be in reach of every child in the county. In his plans for the year he included several group teacher's meetings which would be held at different centers in the county. These should be conducted for the purpose of improving school room instruction with special emphasis upon reading. He said that he did not feel that it would be possible to bring up each school subject in the Course of Study during the first year, but that one subject at a time and that done well would be of most consequence to the school system.

Mr. Jasper Ebbs, who has been on the School Board for thirty years and is now chairman of the Board, spoke of the responsibility of the school teacher, indicating that it was not only their duty to teach information, but that they must train the children in right habits of living in order that they might make good citizens. In addition he said the teacher had a responsibility relative to the welfare of the community. He stated that based upon his experience in watching teachers for the past thirty years that he had found that the best results were obtainable when the teacher stayed in the community helping them to build up their Sunday Schools and community as a whole.

Miss Nettie E. Brogdon, Supervisor of Jackson County Schools for the past two years and who has recently been appointed State Supervisor in Florida, spoke to the teachers on the use of the State Course of Study. In her introductory remarks she spoke of the necessity of objectives and a definite method of procedure for any successful undertaking. This, she said, was absolutely necessary if the teacher was successful in her work and that the State Course of Study outlined minimum essentials for each grade. She, also, pointed out the fact that pupils in the schools all over the country were in a chaotic mix-up from the standpoint of classification. That pupils were going to high school long before they were ready to go and as a result were not able to do a good type of work. She made a plea to the teachers to study the Outline Course of Study and to be sure that their pupils had attained the minimum essentials before they were promoted.

Mr. Homer Henry, former superintendent of schools, made a very effective talk in which he urged the loyal support of the entire teaching staff to the new administration.

Demonstrations in new methods of cultivation tobacco put on by extension specialist H. A. McGee, cooperating with county agents in eastern Carolina, are attracting much attention. Last week, 14 meetings to explain this work were held in Duplin County.

DEATH TAKES TOLL OF PROMINENT MEN

(By H. E. C. BRYANT)

Washington, July 30—The death of William Jennings Bryan has recalled the fact that a great many prominent men of the nation have died since the World War. The grim reaper has been especially severe on Congress.

Here are some of the public men who have answered the summons:

Former Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt, President Warren G. Harding, former Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, Senators Philander C. Knox and Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts; Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia; Knute Nelson, of Minnesota; Secretary Henry C. Wallace, of the Department of Agriculture; Chief Justice of the United States Edward Douglas White; Associate Justices of the Supreme Court William R. Day and Mahlon Pitney, Representatives Champ Clark, of Missouri; and Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina; and scores of lesser lights.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I wish to call the attention of the people in general, and especially to parents who have children of compulsory attendance age, to Article 34 of the public school law, relative to attendance of children in school.

Under the law the County Superintendent of Public Welfare is entrusted with the enforcement of this law. Therefore I wish to state that all teachers are required to report to me at the end of each week all absences that have occurred during the week. The principal of the school has no right to excuse children from non-attendance except in cases of sickness, distance of over two and one-half miles from school or some unavoidable cause. Therefore I ask the cooperation of all the people in the county of enforcing the compulsory school law in order that the children may secure their right as guaranteed under the constitution.

I wish to give you herewith Sections 347, 350, 351 and 357 of the Compulsory School Law:

SECTION 347 Parent or guardian required to keep child in school; exceptions. Every parent, guardian or other person in the State having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and fourteen years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. The principal, Superintendent, or teacher who is in charge of such school shall have the right to excuse the child from temporary attendance on account of sickness or distance of residence from the school, or other unavoidable cause which does not constitute truancy as defined by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 350 Biolation of law; penalty. Any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine, the said parent, guardian or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail.

SECTION 351 Investigation and prosecution by county superintendent and attendance officer. The county superintendent of public welfare or chief school attendance officer or truant officer provided for by law shall investigate and prosecute all violators of the provisions of this article.

SECTION 357 To report defect-

THE SCHOOLHOUSE ON THE HILL

(BY O. D. BUCKNER)

Oft I find my mind returning
To the schoolhouse on the hill,
To my childhood's only schoolhouse
On a Carolina hill.

I can see the mossy shingles
And the weather-beaten walls,
And the rough pole on the steeple
Still my memory enthralled.

I can see the chestnut trees that
Spread their branches far and wide,
Drop their leaves upon the roof
And shade the buildings eastward side.

Yet I still can hear the ringing
Of the old familiar bell—
Ay! and e'en the mellow chimes that
Longer on the air would dwell.

Round that old and faithful building
Linger memories of the past
That shall be my boon companions,
E'en as long as life shall last;

Memories of young friends and playmates,
Some of whom have passed away,
While the others all have scattered,
Other games to learn to play;

Of those dreaded recitations
In the mathematics class,
And of how those anxious moments
Each required an hour to pass;

Happy memories of the moments
That unknown to me did fly
As I studied great men's poems
In an oak that stood near by.

As a word in kindness spoken,
May reform a wretched life,
All without the speaker's knowing
That he drove away the strife;

So that long schoolhouse is standing,
As a monument of old,
Ne'er to hear the many stories
That about it may be told.

Thus I find my mind returning
To the schoolhouse on the hill;
To my childhood's only schoolhouse,
On a Carolina hill.

children. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to report, through proper legal channels, the names and addresses of parents, guardians or custodians of deaf, dumb, blind and feeble-minded children to the principal of the institution provided for each and upon the failure of the county superintendent to make such reports he shall be fined five dollars for each child of the class mentioned above not so reported.

O. S. DILLARD,
Superintendent Public Welfare

W. J. BRYAN WAS MEMBER OF NEBRASKA LODGE

As was his wish, beautiful Arlington Cemetery, the last resting place of many who served their country, has become the guardian of the mortal remains of the Great Commoner. Nothing can be added to the complete accounts of his eventual life or to the countless tributes, characterizations, and like utterances by people in every walk of life as reflected in the columns of nearly every publication in the country.

William Jennings Bryan was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska. His life and work, regardless of success or failure, were permeated by one great virtue among others, and that, sincerity. In this quality, he honored both himself and the Masonic Fraternity.

NEW FOUND ASSOCIATION

The Newfound Baptist Association will convene on the third Sunday in August, beginning Friday at 11 a. m., August 14, and continuing through the 15 and 16, 1925, about one mile from Alexander, Buncombe County North Carolina.

Brother B. B. Plemmons of Lusk Chapel Baptist church will bring the association sermon at 11 a. m., Friday.

We hope to have a spiritual gathering.

Yours faithfully,
FERDIE L. HIPPS, Clerk.
Time out August 14, 1925.

DELIVERY BOY'S LAMENT

I never sausage eyes as thine,
And if you'll butcher hand in mine,
And liver round me every day,
We'll seek some ham-let far away,
We'll meet life's frown with
life's carress
And cleaver road to happiness.
—Chicago Tribune.

MR. ALGIE FOX PRINCIPAL MARSHALL SCHOOL

Mr. Algie Fox, of Tennessee, has been elected as principal of the Marshall school. Mr. Fox is an A. B. graduate of Carson-Newman College of Tennessee and has done graduate work at the Peabody. He was last year principal of the school at Churchill, Tennessee, one of the best schools in East Tennessee. Prof. and Mrs. Fox and the little Fox are expected to arrive soon, as it is hoped that the school may open the 31st of August. However, it may be the 7th of September before it opens. A more definite time of opening will be given in our next issue, together with a complete list of teachers.

THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE

We are living right in the middle of Sodom.

Every consecrated Christian today is being tested from day to day with the wickedness of this world. We read in the blessed old Bible of the trouble that has been brought on the people from time to time by God's children disobeying Him. There never has been a time in the history of the world when professed Christians were dealing more with sin than they are today. Every vain, sinful amusement that can be thought of, even in the churches or on the church grounds, box suppers, pie suppers, cake walks, ice cream suppers, ice

MR. G. L. MCKINNEY RE-SIGNS AS COMMISSIONER

Mr. F. Shelton Appointed To Fill Unexpired Term

Mr. W. R. Ellerson Made Chairman

At the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday, Mr. G. L. McKinney resigned as a member of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. McKinney has made a valuable member of the Board and his resignation was received with regret by his many friends. His reason for resigning was that too much time from his business was required to attend to the duties of the office properly. Mr. F. Shelton was appointed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, was sworn in, and assumed the duties of the office immediately Tuesday. Mr. W. R. Ellerson, of Hot Springs, a member of the Board and successful business man of Hot Springs, was elected Chairman of the Board to succeed Mr. McKinney.

The usual routine of business was transacted, nothing very important having claimed their attention.

expenses of the church.

God pity the church that has to court the world and the devil to get money this way. This is tainted money, and we read what God has said and done for using tainted money and lame sacrifices. May God help us to remember these things. Just a few more things of the world—fathers, mothers and even deacons, preachers, and lay members of the different churches will buy bathing suits for their girls and send them or take them to bathing pools, boy and girls, man and women together, and these same people will go to the church where the old saints of God are washing feet and make all manner of fun of them, but still they will wallow in the old slimy "frog pond."

Also the same church members will take their children to the shows and dances and card tables, and father or mother that buys their child a bathing suit for these public pools, or a ticket to a show, and takes them to a dance or card table is just furnishing them with a ticket to everlasting destruction. Even our church members will go to these places instead of going to prayer meetings, church members will have what they call parties, but they are just frolics after all. Church members dancing with church members! We know what dancing caused one time. It caused John the Baptist to lose his head just because he condemned sin.

THE GOD OF FASHIONS

The few leaves that made old Mother Eve a dress would make two dresses now. The latest styles from Paris are just coming in now. One a half yard to make a full dress. I have seen them passing my place.

And we see some women and girls wearing men's clothing. Please go with me to the good old Bible and just see what it says. Read Deuteronomy 22 and 5.—The women shall not wear that which pertains to a man; neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all who do so are an abomination unto the Lord. We see young women passing the highway with men's clothing on and a large part of their lower limbs naked.

BOBBED HAIR

Men who go to the barber shops tell me they can hardly get a shave on account of girls, young women, and mothers having their hair bobbed. Also their necks shaved. But this question of bobbed hair has caused more discussion, more family strife, more heartaches, more tears, than anything for the last year or two. It has led to the separation of husband and wife, it has furnished work for the divorce courts. If these things

are true, it certainly is worthy of discussion from the pulpit. Now the question will arise, "Why I object to Bobbed Hair?" Just because I am opposed to everything that is contrary to the Word of God.

In the name of high Heaven what has become of the old-time fathers and mothers? Why can't we see how our boys and girls are going? May God help us all to see these things as God sees 'em.

SABBATH BREAKING

We have more commands in the Bible to keep the Sabbath day than any other thing, but this command is being broken in more ways than any other command. It is being broken more by the automobile than any one thing on the earth today. I see church members go to church at the eleven o'clock service and will just come up in a Christian handshake, and then hardly wait until they are dismissed to go home and jump in their car and start out on the highway joy riding, breaking the Holy Sabbath day. Then others will stay in their places of business and sell gasoline, oil, and all sorts of repair.

Merchants in Madison County, N. C., will keep their stores open on Sabbath days and sell from five cents to five hundred dollars worth of goods on one Sabbath day. Other men and women will go out on the Sabbath day and attend to business—all kinds except God's business.

PAINTING AND POWDERING

Please just go with me to 2 Kings, 9th chapter and 30th verse—And when John was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tied her head and looked out of a window. This is the woman that scared old Elijah, and many Elijahs are scared today.

PRIDE

Isaiah—3rd chapter—For behold, the Lord, the lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff; the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water. Let us go a little further and see why this was done.

Moreover the Lord saith, "because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing with their feet, therefore, the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion."

Look out! Bobbed hair: these were God's children that went astray.

Jeremiah 6:16—Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls, but they said we will not walk therein.

Yes, truly they have said by their actions today that the old paths are too plain that there are no worldly amusements in the old paths.

Isaiah 30:10—Which say to the seers, no; and to the prophets, prophesying not unto us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesying deceits.

NOW AS TO DEVILLUTION

It is something very serious, but the things that I have written about are damning more souls than anything else.

Now to lay members, Deacons and Preachers: If there was ever a time in the history of this world that we should rise and condemn these popular sins it is today. I thank God today for old-time religion. It saves men and women from their sins.

May God's richest blessings rest on all the family of God.

J. G. RAMSEY, Jr.,
Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.

LAUNDRY IN MARSHALL NOW READY

I would like to announce to the people of Marshall and vicinity that I am opening a laundry in Marshall next door to Southern depot and will be prepared to do general family washing by the pound.

Please call or let me know so that I may send for your clothes. Give me a trial. If not satisfied with work and price let me know.

W. G. GOFORTH

WILD AND WOOLEY FROM THE WEST

We have cleaned up house from top to bottom and prepared to offer you a nice attractive show for Saturday night.

We take the votes of Madison County Saturday night—do you want a show? It's been said no show—but if you want a show come and patronize it—if you don't want a show in Marshall, stay at home Saturday night and we will know you want it to die.

Will appreciate your coming and bringing your friends.

Very truly,
PASTIME THEATRE